

Winterport Area Business Association Meeting
Winterport House of Pizza, Main Street, Winterport, Maine
Wednesday, September 14, 2011

Meeting began at 7:08am and the Mission Statement was read.

Introductions of those members in attendance were conducted:

Bernie Littlefield, BEL Portraits - President
Ann Ronco, Old Winterport Commercial House – Secretary
Tammy Higgins, T. G. Higgins Business Services - Treasurer
Phil Higgins, T.G. Higgins Business Services
Stu White, White's Farm / Milk Room Gallery
Michelle Byram, White's Farm
Joan Anderson, Winterport Winery/Pairings/Penobscot Bay Brewery
Ray Ronco, A&R Associates
Nancy Tang – Glass Orchids / Silver Willow Gallery – Vice President
Desiree Viel – Winterport Pizza

The meeting minutes of Wednesday, July 13, 2011 was voted on and approved unanimously.

Tammy reported the association's bank account totals \$2,519.00. \$74.00 was made at the Classic Wheels Show and we made \$283.00 at the music fest. Tammy explained there was a last minute unexpected expense of having to carry insurance in order to have the bounce house at the kids area.

Tammy also reported that we filed our first 990N which we need to file in order to keep our non-profit status.

Bernie introduced Nancy Tang as the association's new Vice President.

Bernie gave a brief recap of the children's area and the classic wheel event. Both events experienced a lower turnout than previous years. Explanations from members ranged from the economy or the timing/days of both events.

Nancy let us know about the grand opening of Silver Willow Gallery on Saturday, September 17, 2011. This event is being called an Afternoon of Indulgence and will also serve as a fund raiser for Forgotten Felines. There will be live music, poetry reading, wine tasting, and various items raffled.

The Town Development Committee is still going forward with the walking path proposal. One member wanted to know where the money was going to come from to maintain it once it is completed.

Comments were made that the farmers market needs to have shorter hours. Nancy suggested we form a market committee to explore ways to improve and expand it. It was also stated that WABA members need to come out and support the merchants at the market. A survey was handed out earlier to those who have participated in the market to ask what they would suggest be done in the future for improvement.

It was asked if WABA was going to pursue creating its own web page. It was decided that it would depend on the cost and if we could get someone to donate their time to create and maintain it for us. It was suggested members use Facebook more to "like" every other member's businesses.

Nancy asked if we could get different people to do presentations and maybe that would attract more people to the meetings.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40am. Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 7am at the Pizza House.